(THE HON'BLE SRI K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY).

23 K. V. Lingappa, Malleswaram.
24 Muniamma, Akkipet, Bangalore.
25 Syed Imam, Mysore.
26 P. N. Desai, Bharat Paint Syndicate, Bangalore.
27 B. T. Ranganath, Depot Manager, Yeswanthpur.
28 Gowri Shankar Reddy, Depot Manager, Devarajeevanahalli.
29 Syed Imam, Mysore.
30 C R Prabhanna, Hardware Merchant, Tumkur.
31 S D Ramiah, Petrol Bunk, Seshadri Road, Bangalore City.

Fall in the price of the Cocoon Market and Control.

Q.—249. Sri. D. M. SIDDIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fall in the price of the cocoon market ;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that on account of this sudden fall in the price several thousands of families in the Mysore District have been ruined ;

(*c*) whether they consider it very important and urgent to control the price of the cocoons ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It has adversely affected cocoon rearers.

(*c*) Suitable action is being proposed in this matter.

Alleged Supersessions in Chikmagalur District Office.

Q.—263. Sri L. H. THIMMA BOI (Chikmagalur District — Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that in Chikmagalur District Office Non-Brahmin Officers and Clerks of lower grade have been superseded by Brahmin Officers for the last two years though they are too junior ;

(*b*) the grounds on which they were superseded ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) and (*b*) There have been no such instances in the District Office, Chikmagalur.

Afforestation Scheme.

Q.—264. Sri L. H. THIMMA BOI (Chikmagalur District — Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) their scheme to effect afforestation in the State ;

(*b*) the quantity of fuel expected in an acre of fuel plantation and also the cost incurred per acre from the time of plantation to the time of cutting ;

(*c*) whether working is carried out as per Working Plan Officer's recommendations ;

(*d*) the area of plantations made during the past four years and the amount spent each year ;

(*e*) the fuel consumption of the State, and the scheme adopted to meet the demand ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) The Forest Department is attending to the conservation and regeneration of existing forests and also to the raising of new plantations in areas where the proportion of forest land is not adequate. A scheme for afforestation of maidan parts has been sanctioned and this forms part of the Five-year Plan.

(*b*) Quantity of fuel expected varies from 10 to 25 tons per acre. The cost ranges from about Rs. 55 to 75 per acre.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Plantations raised and cost:—

Year	Teak	Firewood	Other kinds	Total	Sowings on trenches	Amount spent
	A.	A.	A.	A.	No.	Rs.
1947-48	597	2,903	40	3,540	23,225	2,48,068
1948-49	532	2,993	122	3,647	50,989	2,42,695
1949-50 (Nine months)	648	2,250	20	2,918	14,802	2,20,246
1950-51	648	1,635	71	2,354	25,504	3,01,201

(*e*) It is roughly estimated at 80 lakhs of tons per annum.

The major portion of the demand is met from the natural State Forests and District Forests, which are being worked on Sylvicultural principles of sustained yield. The preservation of State Forests and their systematic exploitation are carefully planned for assuring the continuous yield of firewood for meeting the requirements of the State.

The department is consistently following the systematic exploitation and preservation of State Forests for firewood, supplementing such supplies by artificial raising of plantations by fuel species by pitting, trench mound sowings, dibbling, broadcasting of seeds, stump-planting, etc., etc., on as large a scale as possible.

Removal of Timber and Fuel from the area coming under submersion under Lakkavalli Project.

Q.—265. **Sri L. H. THIMMA BOI** (Chikmagalur District — Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the area that comes under submersion under Lakkavalli Project;

(*b*) the efforts made to remove timber and fuel from that area—forest area;

(*c*) whether they are aware that timber below 12 cubic feet if given under seigniorage rate gives a good revenue to them instead of using it as fuel and charcoal ?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH** (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) About 30,000 acres.

(*b*) A provisional working scheme dividing the area into six Filling Series to exploit the coupes for timber and fuel has been approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests. According to the present programme the Dam is proposed to be built to *plus* 35 level by the end of December 1956. Actual submersion would start only after the construction of the Dam above this level is taken up. As the period of actual submersion is still a long way off, intensive exploitation of the area is deferred for the present.

(*c*) Yes. This is only with regard to certain well known species. Exploitation is regulated keeping this in view so that the maximum revenue possible is realised from the fellings.

Working of Co-operative Farms in the State.

Q.—273. **Sri S. RANGARAMIAH** (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many Co-operative Farms are introduced in the State ; and where;

(*b*) the total amount spent on each such farm ever since their inception ;

(*c*) the number of persons living in such farms and the number of acres of lands brought under cultivation ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that this scheme is not appreciated and utilised fully by the people ; if so, how do they propose to remedy this state of affairs ?